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Vietnam down to company level - a cadre of key personnel & officers. Non com + technical personnel.

Large cadres with artillery if not complete ~~crew~~ gun crew as signal.

General B. mention at several point + particularly Mong Sai - other attacking laid down ^{an} effective artillery & mortar fire barrage to support advance.

Both Chinese, Russian & North Vietnam.
Most significant Russian - ^{Vietnam} equipment Chinese increasing -

120 mm mortars Russian

82 mm 82 mm are Chinese equipment

105 Howitzer (old M.S.) (used in 72)

85 mm field gun Russian

75 mm ^{recoiling} rifle - Chinese equipment

57 mm recoilless -

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we have given

105 Hows (10 batteries)
105 motor — 4 guns

No trade personnel
or leadership —
some places they have stood up
Kou-chacham & held under
continuing pressure last two weeks

Pacht Jao was same —
July 1959 — Dec 1960 —
then introduction of Vietnam —

French didn't train Jao well
for 3 or 4 yrs. — & Jao didn't
want French account on in unity
including Gen Phoumi

Few Jao officers —
Phoumi said — Gen B
agrees — trained under combat
on the job training without leadership

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In Feb 12th 1968 A.S. Officers
at headquarters of major units
& last 3 weeks down to
battalion - & now go forward

In some cases it has been
helpful:

Most experience in smaller
units.

Some only small non automatic
weapons -

for four months - many casualties

Patrol Law has offensive &
in choice -

Rsq. really only trained for smaller
units. Can't take offensive

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Dec 11, 1960

with 13 assignments in field
with Vietnam personnel. Nam NamPhonni units did good job
as well trained - now
burned up.Dec 31. fell Plans des Jarr
+ we realized we against real
tough Pathet Lao.Sept - split
Linn H. peasants
Min can alert units
Min in Thailand
+ RexIn each case Pathet Lao
has not exploited any of their
major gains - indicating they
must wait for, but reaction



If we continue not
to react, we will not
have the opportunity
to react.

In August coup we didn't
support gov. & let
King take country.

In Nov. & early Dec we double crossed
Sovamun by allowing Ploem's to use
equipment - ~~but~~ ^{and} military ~~here~~
recommended supporting Sovamun.
We lost every ally by Dec support
of Sovamun.

~~Now~~ ^{regaining} support.